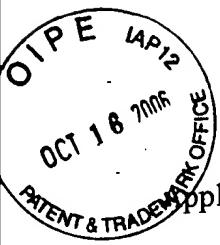


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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 13, 2006, applicants request entry of this amendment and reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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